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Jorgensen Response to Vos Comments on SeniorCare

MADISON – Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair and State Representative Andy Jorgensen (D-Milton) released this statement in response to comments from Speaker Robin Vos (R-Burlington) regarding the future of SeniorCare:

"The Democrats' Save SeniorCare petition drive is making a difference, of that I feel sure. Since we started collecting signatures and making waves, several Republican leaders have indicated a desire to fix Governor Walker's proposal to gut the program.

"I haven't talked with Speaker Vos directly about his ideas, and the details he's given publically are minimal. But, if what he's outlining is a plan to simply 'grandfather' in current SeniorCare enrollees, I will be extremely disappointed.

"SeniorCare is a program that saves taxpayer dollars and I'm convinced it saves lives. It's good for people in the program now, just as it will be good for baby boomers entering that stage of life and for generations to come.

"I'm not here for big pharmaceutical companies. I'm here for the people of Wisconsin, and my colleagues are, too. It's my hope, as the budget process continues, that we'll put the needs of those folks above all else and save SeniorCare."

Jorgensen and his Democratic colleagues have already collected thousands of signatures via their Save SeniorCare petition drive, and are now asking people circulating the petition to return hard copies as soon as possible. Soon, they will deliver sheets to Governor Walker and legislative leaders. You can sign online at www.SaveSeniorCare.com.

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